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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Frederick P. Hitz  
Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Jim Bush's Trip Round the World

25X1 1. [ ] Jim Bush, HPSCI staffer, has been doing a study of HUMINT Community-wide. This includes both overt and clandestine collection. He plans to travel round the world starting in mid-October and, since the trip was principally planned to acquaint him with clandestine operations, CIA did the planning. However, the trip will include meetings with Defense attaches and with Ambassadors or DCMs to discuss the FSO input and the coordination of intelligence at the Mission.

25X1 2. [ ] Bush hopes to be accompanied by Mike O'Neil, the Committee Counsel, and originally requested that there be no escort. John McMahon did, however, convince him that [ ] of the DDO, should accompany him to provide a continuity of view which both Bush and O'Neil need because of their lack of background in this field. 25X1

25X1 3. [ ] In the process of coordinating the trip, both State and DIA were informed and given the itinerary. DIA has since requested permission to send someone along. Bush has refused. The matter has now been raised to the level where 25X1 [ ] is now formally requesting permission to send someone and that issue has become quite sensitive. Bush believes that, if DIA sends someone along, the military services will also request similar participation.

25X1 4. [ ] Bush now is asking us to do one of two things; 25X1 either cancel out [ ] and let Bush and O'Neil go unescorted, or have one person representing the Intelligence Community accompany them. He is concerned that DIA is already laying the groundwork for challenging the results of his HUMINT study. Consequently, he is directing his appeal to the DCI in his Community hat.

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5. [ ] This is the first of what are likely to be recurring instances where oversight committees dealing with Community-wide issues look to the DCI for assistance in fighting off, or at least neutralizing, the normal in-fighting of program managers. We need to resolve this in some way which is acceptable to both Bush and [ ] I suggest that [ ] and I meet with you on this at the earliest opportunity.

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for Frederick P. Hitz

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